



## Request for Proposals (RFP)

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RFP No. 2012-09

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#### Submittal Information

Proposals may be mailed or hand delivered. No faxed proposals will be accepted.

Late proposals will not be accepted.

**Location: Office of the City Clerk**

**3031 Torrance Blvd.**

**Torrance, CA 90503**

**Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012**

**Time Deadline: 2:00 P.M.**

Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM in the Council Chambers.

#### Submittal Requirements

The following items must be submitted in a sealed envelope, which shall be clearly marked:

***“RFP for Pacific Coast Highway at Hawthorne Boulevard Intersection Improvements, RFP No. 2012-09”***

- Five (5) separately bound copies of proposal
- Original and four (4) copies of Proposal Submittal Form (Section III of this document)
- Original and four (4) copies of Proposer's Affidavit (Attachment 1 of this document)

#### Notice of Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference

The City will conduct a mandatory pre-proposal conference for prospective Consultants.

It will start promptly at the time and location listed below.

**Location: West Annex Commission Room**

**Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012**

**Time: 2:00 P.M.**

#### Questions Regarding this RFP Should be Directed to:

Ted Semaan P.E., Engineering Manager

Phone: (310) 781-6900 or Email: [TSemaan@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:TSemaan@TorranceCA.gov)

**SECTION I – RFP INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION****NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:**

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for the following described project will be received in the Office of the City Clerk, of the City of Torrance, California, **until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012**, after which time they will publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 p.m. on the same date in the Council Chambers of said City.

**MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:**

Consultants intending to submit a proposal for this project must ensure that a representative from their firm is in attendance at the mandatory pre-proposal conference. Consultants submitting proposals without attending this conference will be disqualified. No exceptions will be allowed. The mandatory pre-proposal conference will start promptly at the time and location listed on page 1 of this RFP. No make-up conference will be scheduled. Individuals attending this conference should be prepared to take adequate notes to assist in preparation of their proposal submittal.

**PROPOSAL FORMAT:**

Interested Consultants must submit five (5) separately bound copies of their proposal. Proposals shall include the following information in the ordered format outlined below:

- Cover Letter
  - Proposal Submittal Form
  - Proposer's Affidavit
  - Addenda
- Table of Contents
- 1 – Project Understanding & Approach
- 2 – Firm Profile (information of prime and financial ability of firm)
- 3 – Project Team (organization chart and brief biographies & experience of key personnel)
- 4 – Relevant Projects & References
- 5 – Project Schedule

**PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM:**

Interested Consultants must complete and submit an original and four (4) copies of "Proposal Submittal Form" in Section III of this RFP.

**RESERVATIONS:**

The City reserves the right to revise or amend these specifications prior to the date set for opening proposals. Revisions and amendments, if any, will be announced by an addendum to this RFP. If the revisions require additional time to enable Consultants to respond, the City may postpone the opening date accordingly. In such case, the addendum will include an announcement of the new opening date.

All addenda must be attached to the proposal. Failure to attach any addendum may render the proposal non-responsive and cause it to be rejected.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received, to take all proposals under advisement for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after the date of the opening, to waive any informality on any proposal, and to be the sole judge of the relative merits of the material and or service mentioned in the respective proposals received. The City reserves the right to reject any proposal not accompanied with all data or information required.

This RFP does not commit the City to award a contract or to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of a proposal. All responses to this RFP document will become the property of the City of Torrance.

**AFFIDAVIT:**

An affidavit form is included with this RFP as Attachment 1. It must be completed and submitted as required, signifying that the proposal is genuine and not collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not named in the proposal, that the proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure for itself an advantage over any other proposer. Any proposal submitted without an affidavit or in violation of this requirement will be rejected.

**STANDARDS OF EVALUATION:**

The City will be the sole determiner of suitability to the City's needs. Proposals will be rated according to their completeness and understanding of the City's needs, conformance to the requirements of the technical specifications, prior experience with similar scope of work, financial capabilities, delivery, and cost.

**ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:**

The Proposer will not be allowed to take advantage of any errors and/or omissions in these specifications or in the Proposer's specifications submitted with its proposal. Full instruction will always be given when errors or omissions are discovered.

**CONSULTING SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

The Consultant to whom the award is made will be required to enter into a written contract with the City of Torrance. A copy of this RFP and the accepted proposal will be attached to and become a part of the Contract.

A sample of the City's Pro Forma Consulting Services Agreement is included with this RFP as Attachment 2. Although the City's Consulting Services Agreement complies with CA law for contracting with Architectural and Engineering firms and modifications are not encouraged, we request that your RFP identify any language, if at all, you may object to. Should an objection be identified, we request that you propose alternate language in the RFP. Any objection(s) will not affect your rating. It will, however, provide the City with information to assist with quickly completing any negotiations subsequent to rating all Consultants.

**SECTION II TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS****OBJECTIVE:**

The City of Torrance is requesting proposals from qualified Consultants for the design of the Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard Intersection Improvements.

This RFP is intended to be as descriptive as possible. However, Proposers may not take advantage of omissions or oversights in this document. Proposers must supply products and services that meet or exceed the requirements of this RFP. In the event of a dispute over installation or performance, the needs of the City of Torrance will govern.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION:**

The City of Torrance is situated on the western side of Los Angeles County. It is bordered by the Palos Verdes Peninsula on the south, the City of Gardena on the north, the City of Redondo Beach on the north and west boundaries, the City of Lomita on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west. The City encompasses an area of approximately 21 square miles and has an estimated population of approximately 149,111, which makes it the sixth largest city in Los Angeles County.

Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard, State Routes SR-1 and SR-107 respectively, are important highways in the City of Torrance linking numerous South Bay communities. They serve both commuters and local residents. At their intersection, each is a 6-lane roadway with raised center medians; all three (3) lanes in each direction are used as travel lanes at all times. Hawthorne northbound at the intersection also includes two (2) left turn lanes; southbound consists of two (2) left turn lanes and a right turn lane separated by a traffic signal island. Pacific Coast Highway both eastbound and westbound includes one (1) left turn lane in addition to their three (3) through lanes. The immediate vicinity of this intersection consists mostly of commercial development, and within less than a square mile of this intersection are eight (8) schools and the Torrance Municipal Airport.

The purpose of this project is to enhance the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard, which will also provide operational relief along these routes and to the I-405 Freeway.

The project is intended to widen and upgrade the intersection via the acquisition of right of way, construction of dedicated right and left-hand turn pockets, restriping, and resignalization. Utility relocation will be required. Limits of this project are 500 feet on all directions from the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

See attached "Scope of Work for Pacific Coast Highway at Hawthorne Boulevard Intersection Improvements"

**CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Desired Consultants for this project shall be California Register Professional Engineers (Civil) with a minimum of 10 year experience in design and management of public work projects. Consultants shall be experienced in roadway and traffic design; right-of-way acquisition; and shall be able to coordinate this project and secure necessary permits, on behalf of the City, with other agencies, including but not limited to the State (Caltrans), Los Angeles County, surrounding Cities, and utility companies.

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

The City will conduct a two-part selection process.

**PART I – EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS:** After the public opening of submitted proposals for this project, the City will form a committee to evaluate proposals and develop a short list of qualified Firms. The Firms on this short list will then be invited to interview with the City.

**PART 2 – INTERVIEW:** At the time of the interview, invited Firms shall submit a detailed fee estimate. The fee estimate shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and should provide a schedule of the Firm's fees, and a cost for each task of the project using the format shown in Exhibit B. Firms may list any additional services and associated costs that are not covered in the City's scope of work. These items should be listed separately from those specifically requested so they may be considered. ***Only after the selection of Firm has been made will the fee proposal from the selected Firm be opened.***

The City will select a Consultant in accordance with criteria listed below.

| CRITERIA  | MAXIMUM POINTS |
|---|----------------|
| Understanding of project, scope of work and completeness of RFP   | 20             |
| Firm's qualifications and experience with similar work, and financial responsibility                              | 10             |
| Firm's qualifications and experience with right-of-way needs, acquisition, and sale of surplus property           | 10             |
| Firm's qualifications and experience in successful dealings with Caltrans' Permit Office                          | 10             |
| Qualifications of proposed project team members (meets minimum requirements and amount of desired qualifications) | 20             |
| Relevant projects of firm and proposed project team members   | 10             |
| References  | 10             |
| Time schedule (will provide final plans and specifications within the scheduled time frame)                       | 10             |
| <b>Maximum Total Score =</b>  | <b>100</b>     |

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**SECTION III – PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL FORM**

***FAILURE TO COMPLETE ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION MAY INVALIDATE PROPOSAL***

In accordance with your "Invitation to RFP", the following proposal is submitted to the City of Torrance.

**RFP Submitted By:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number/Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Contact for Additional Information:**

Please provide the name of the individual at your company to contact for any additional information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number/Fax Number

**Form of Business Organization:** Please indicate the following (check one);

Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Sole Proprietorship \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consultant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business History:**

How long have you been in business under your current name and form of business organization?

\_\_\_\_\_ Years

If less than three (3) years and your company was in business under a different name, what was that name?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Addenda Received:**

Please indicate addenda information you have received regarding this RFP:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Addendum No. _____ | Date Received: _____ |
| Addendum No. _____ | Date Received: _____ |
| Addendum No. _____ | Date Received: _____ |
| Addendum No. _____ | Date Received: _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_ No Addenda received regarding this RFP.

**References:**

Please supply the names of companies/agencies for which you recently supplied comparable services as requested in this RFP.

|                        |         |                                 |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Name of Company/Agency | Address | Person to contact/Telephone No. |
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**Consultant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

| RFP Submittal Requirement and Acknowledgement  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>Consultants are required to place a check mark in Column A indicating that your proposal is as per the specifications of this Request for Proposals.</p> <p>Consultants are required to place a check mark in Column B indicating that your proposal deviates from the specifications of this Request for Proposal. If you are proposing anything other than what is specified, you must explain in detail how your proposal differs by attaching additional pages to your RFP submittal and indicating the page number in Column C.</p> <p>You may attach additional sheets to your RFP submittal describing in detail the service you are proposing. You must indicate the page number reference in Column C.</p> |  |   |   |
| Description  | Column A   | Column B  | Column C  |
| RFP Specification/Requirement  | Place a check mark in this column indicating that your proposal is as per the specifications in this RFP | Place a mark in this column if you are proposing something different then what is specified in this RFP | You may attach additional sheets to your proposal submittal describing in detail the service you are proposing. Please reference the page number of your attachment in the space below. |
| Submittal includes five (5) separately bound copies of proposal  |  |   |   |
| Submittal includes original and four (4) copies of the following required documents: Proposal Submittal Form and Proposer's Affidavit  |  |   |   |
| TASK I – Project Commencement  |  |   |   |
| TASK II – Preliminary Design   |  |   |   |
| TASK III – Contract Deliverables   |  |   |   |
| TASK IV – Right-of-Way   |  |   |   |
| TASK V – Project Coordination  |  |   |   |



1. That he/she is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of Office) (Name of Company)

(Title of RFP)

2. That the proposal is genuine; that all statements of fact in the proposal are true;
3. That the proposal was not made in the interest or behalf of any person, partnership, company, association, organization or corporation not named or disclosed;
4. That the Proposer did not, directly or indirectly, induce solicit or agree with anyone else to submit a false or sham proposal, to refrain from proposing, or to withdraw his proposal, to raise or fix the proposal price of the Proposer or of anyone else, or to raise or fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Proposer's price or the price of anyone else; and did not attempt to induce action prejudicial to the interest of the City of Torrance, or of any other Proposer, or anyone else interested in the proposed contract;
5. That the Proposer has not in any other manner sought by collusion to secure for itself an advantage over the other Proposer or to induce action prejudicial to the interests of the City of Torrance, or of any other Proposer or of anyone else interested in the proposed contract;
6. That the Proposer has not accepted any proposal from any subcontractor or materialman through any proposal depository, the bylaws, rules or regulations of which prohibit or prevent the Proposer from considering any proposal from any subcontractor or material man, which is not processed through that proposal depository, or which prevent any subcontractor or materialman from proposing to any contractor who does not use the facilities of or accept proposals from or through such proposal depository;
7. That the Proposer did not, directly or indirectly, submit the Proposer's proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulge information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof, or to any individual or group of individuals, except to the City of Torrance, or to any person or persons who have a partnership or other financial interest with said Proposer in its business.
8. That the Proposer has not been debarred from participation in any State or Federal works project.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(Proposer Signature)

(Title)

## CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

This CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into as of (the “Effective Date”), by and between the CITY OF TORRANCE, a municipal corporation (“CITY”), and Insert name and business entity description, i.e. XYZ Corporation, a California Corporation (“CONSULTANT”).

### RECITALS:

- A. The CITY wishes to retain the services of an experienced and qualified CONSULTANT to Insert brief description of services.
- B. In order to obtain the desired services, the CITY has circulated its Request for Proposal for Insert brief title of RFP, RFP No. Insert RFP No. (the “RFP”).
- C. CONSULTANT has submitted a Proposal (the “Proposal”) in response to the RFP. In its Proposal CONSULTANT represents that it is qualified to perform those services requested in the RFP. Based upon its review of all proposals submitted in response to the RFP, the CITY is willing to award the contract to CONSULTANT.

### AGREEMENT:

#### 1. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT will provide the services and install those materials listed in CONSULTANT’s Proposal submitted in response to the RFP. A copy of the RFP is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of the Proposal is attached as Exhibit B.

#### 2. TERM

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Paragraph 4 below, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect from the Effective Date through .

#### 3. COMPENSATION

- A. CONSULTANT’s Fee.

For services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, CONSULTANT will be paid in accordance with the compensation schedule set forth in the Proposal; provided, however, that in no event will the total amount of money paid the CONSULTANT, for services initially contemplated by this Agreement, exceed the sum of \$Insert dollar amount (“Agreement Sum”), unless otherwise first approved in writing by the CITY.

- B. Schedule of Payment.

Provided that the CONSULTANT is not in default under the terms of this Agreement, upon presentation of an invoice, CONSULTANT will be paid monthly, within 30 days after the date of the monthly invoice.

#### **4. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

##### **A. Termination by CITY for Convenience.**

1. CITY may, at any time, terminate the Agreement for CITY's convenience and without cause.
2. Upon receipt of written notice from CITY of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONSULTANT will:
  - a. cease operations as directed by CITY in the notice;
  - b. take actions necessary, or that CITY may direct for the protection and preservation of the work; and
  - c. except for work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders.
3. In case of such termination for CITY's convenience, CONSULTANT will be entitled to receive payment for work executed; and costs incurred by reason of such termination, along with reasonable overhead and profit on the work not executed.

##### **B. Termination for Cause.**

1. If either party fails to perform any term, covenant or condition in this Agreement and that failure continues for 15 calendar days after the nondefaulting party gives the defaulting party notice of the failure to perform, this Agreement may be terminated for cause; provided, however, that if during the notice period the defaulting party has promptly commenced and continues diligent efforts to remedy the default, the defaulting party will have such additional time as is reasonably necessary to remedy the default.
2. In the event this Agreement is terminated for cause by the default of the CONSULTANT, the CITY may, at the expense of the CONSULTANT and its surety, complete this Agreement or cause it to be completed. Any check or bond delivered to the CITY in connection with this Agreement, and the money payable thereon, will be forfeited to and remain the property of the CITY. All moneys due the CONSULTANT under the terms of this Agreement will be retained by the CITY, but the retention will not release the CONSULTANT and its surety from liability for the default. Under these circumstances, however, the CONSULTANT and its surety will be credited with the amount of money retained, toward any amount by which the cost of completion exceeds the Agreement Sum and any amount authorized for extra services.
3. Termination for cause will not affect or terminate any of the rights of the CITY as against the CONSULTANT or its surety then existing, or which may thereafter accrue because of the default; this provision is in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the CITY under law.

C. Termination for Breach of Law.

In the event the CONSULTANT or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, subsidiaries or affiliates is convicted (i) of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of a contract or subcontract; (ii) under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously, and directly affects responsibility as a public consultant or contractor; (iii) under state or federal antitrust statutes arising out of the submission of bids or proposals; or (iv) of violation of Paragraph 19 of this Agreement; or for any other cause the City determines to be so serious and compelling as to affect CONSULTANT's responsibility as a public consultant or contractor, including but not limited to, debarment by another governmental agency, then the CITY reserves the unilateral right to terminate this Agreement or to impose such other sanctions (which may include financial sanctions, temporary suspensions or any other condition deemed appropriate short of termination) as it deems proper. The CITY will not take action until CONSULTANT has been given notice and an opportunity to present evidence in mitigation.

5. **FORCE MAJEURE**

If any party fails to perform its obligations because of strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, embargoes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental controls, judicial orders, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated to perform, then that party's performance shall be excused for a period equal to the period of such cause for failure to perform.

6. **RETENTION OF FUNDS**

CONSULTANT authorizes the CITY to deduct from any amount payable to CONSULTANT (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute or that are necessary to compensate the CITY for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by the CITY, and all amounts for which the CITY may be liable to third parties, by reason of CONSULTANT's acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform CONSULTANT's obligations under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by CONSULTANT, or any indebtedness exists that appears to be the basis for a claim of lien, the CITY may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of the withholding, an amount sufficient to cover the claim. The failure of the CITY to exercise the right to deduct or to withhold will not, however, affect the obligations of CONSULTANT to insure, indemnify, and protect the CITY as elsewhere provided in this Agreement.

7. **THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Insert a specific person is designated as the "City Representative," authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work and services specified in this Agreement and to make all decisions in connection with this Agreement. Whenever approval, directions, or other actions are required by the CITY under this Agreement, those actions will be taken by the City Representative, unless otherwise stated. The City Manager has the right to designate another City Representative at any time, by providing notice to CONSULTANT.

8. **CONSULTANT REPRESENTATIVE(S)**

The following principal(s) of CONSULTANT are designated as being the principal(s) and representative(s) of CONSULTANT authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified in this Agreement and make all decisions in connection with this Agreement:

9. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The CONSULTANT is, and at all times will remain as to the CITY, a wholly independent contractor. Neither the CITY nor any of its agents will have control over the conduct of the CONSULTANT or any of the CONSULTANT's employees, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement. The CONSULTANT may not, at any time or in any manner, represent that it or any of its agents or employees are in any manner agents or employees of the CITY.

10. **BUSINESS LICENSE**

The CONSULTANT must obtain a City business license prior to the start of work under this Agreement, unless CONSULTANT is qualified for an exemption.

11. **OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS**

CONSULTANT warrants that it has all professional, contracting and other permits and licenses required to undertake the work contemplated by this Agreement.

12. **FAMILIARITY WITH WORK**

By executing this Agreement, CONSULTANT warrants that CONSULTANT (a) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (b) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (c) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, CONSULTANT warrants that CONSULTANT has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services set forth in this Agreement. Should CONSULTANT discover any latent or unknown conditions that will materially affect the performance of the services set forth in this Agreement, CONSULTANT must immediately inform the CITY of that fact and may not proceed except at CONSULTANT's risk until written instructions are received from the CITY.

13. **CARE OF WORK**

CONSULTANT must adopt reasonable methods during the term of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and other components to prevent losses or damages, and will be responsible for all damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by the CITY, except those losses or damages as may be caused by the CITY's own negligence.

14. **CONSULTANT'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OTHER PROJECT RECORDS**

Records of the CONSULTANT's time pertaining to the project, and records of accounts between the CITY and the CONSULTANT, will be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis. CONSULTANT will also maintain all other records, including without limitation specifications, drawings, progress reports and the like, relating to the project. All records will be available to the CITY during normal working hours. CONSULTANT will maintain these records for three years after final payment.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION**

CONSULTANT will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, the City Council, each member thereof, present and future, members of boards and commissions, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, expenses, including defense costs and legal fees, and claims for damages whatsoever, arising out of, pertaining to, or relating to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT, including, without limitation those arising from the breach of contract, bodily injury, death, personal injury, property damage, loss of use, or property loss. The obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless includes, but is not limited to, any liability or expense, including defense costs and legal fees, arising from the negligent acts or omissions, or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or vendors. It is further agreed, CONSULTANT's obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless will apply to the extent of CONSULTANT's contributing negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct even in the event of concurrent negligence on the part of CITY, the City council, each member thereof, present and future, or its officers, agents and employees. Payment by CITY is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this indemnity. In the event of any dispute between CONSULTANT and CITY, as to whether liability arises from the concurrent negligence of the CITY or its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or vendors, CONSULTANT will be obligated to pay for City's defense until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating the CITY's share of responsibility. CONSULTANT will be entitled in the event of a determination of CITY's responsibility to reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation reflecting the CITY's proportionate share of such expenses.

**16. NON-LIABILITY OF THE CITY'S OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

No officer or employee of the CITY will be personally liable to CONSULTANT, in the event of any default or breach by the CITY or for any amount that may become due to CONSULTANT.

**17. INSURANCE**

A. CONSULTANT must maintain at its sole expense the following insurance, which will be full coverage not subject to self insurance provisions:

- (1) Automobile Liability, including owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, with at least the following limits of liability:
  - (a) Primary Bodily Injury with limits of at least \$500,000 per person, \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and
  - (b) Primary Property Damage of at least \$250,000 per occurrence; or
  - (c) Combined single limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- (2) General Liability including coverage for premises, products and completed operations, independent contractors/vendors, personal injury and contractual obligations with combined single limits of coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- (3) Professional liability insurance with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

- (4) Workers' Compensation with limits as required by the State of California and Employers Liability with limits of at least \$1,000,000.
- B. The insurance provided by CONSULTANT will be primary and non-contributory.
- C. CITY ("City of Torrance"), the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, the City Council and each member thereof, members of boards and commissions, every officer, agent, official, employee and volunteer must be named as additional insured under the automobile and general liability policies.
- D. CONSULTANT must provide certificates of insurance and/or endorsements to the City Clerk of the City of Torrance before the commencement of work.
- E. Each insurance policy required by this Paragraph must contain a provision that no termination, cancellation or change of coverage can be made without thirty days notice to CITY.

**18. SUFFICIENCY OF INSURERS**

Insurance required by this Agreement will be satisfactory only if issued by companies admitted to do business in California, rated "B+" or better in the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless these requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of the CITY ("Risk Manager") due to unique circumstances. In the event the Risk Manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to the CITY, the CONSULTANT agrees that the minimum limits of any insurance policies and/or performance bond required by this Agreement may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager; provided that CONSULTANT will have the right to appeal a determination of increased coverage by the Risk Manager to the City Council of the CITY within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Risk Manager.

**19. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. No officer or employee of the CITY may have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, nor may any officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement that effects the officer or employee's financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which the officer or employee is, directly or indirectly interested, in violation of any law, rule or regulation.
- B. No person may offer, give, or agree to give any officer or employee or former officer or employee, nor may any officer or employee solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any way pertaining to any program requirement, contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal.

20. **NOTICE**

A. All notices, requests, demands, or other communications under this Agreement will be in writing. Notice will be sufficiently given for all purposes as follows:

- (1) Personal delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient: notice is effective on delivery.
- (2) First Class mail. When mailed first class to the last address of the recipient known to the party giving notice: notice is effective three mail delivery days after deposit in an United States Postal Service office or mailbox.
- (3) Certified mail. When mailed certified mail, return receipt requested: notice is effective on receipt, if delivery is confirmed by a return receipt.
- (4) Overnight delivery. When delivered by an overnight delivery service, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account: notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.
- (5) Facsimile transmission. When sent by fax to the last fax number of the recipient known to the party giving notice: notice is effective on receipt. Any notice given by fax will be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) or on a non-business day.

Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

CONSULTANT:

Fax:

CITY:

City Clerk  
City of Torrance  
3031 Torrance Boulevard  
Torrance, CA 90509-2970  
Fax: (310) 618-2931

- B. Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified, will be deemed effective as of the first date the notice was refused, unclaimed or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger or overnight delivery service.
- C. Either party may change its address or fax number by giving the other party notice of the change in any manner permitted by this Agreement.



**21. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

This Agreement and all exhibits are binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties. The Agreement may not be assigned or subcontracted by either the CITY or CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of the other.

**22. INTEGRATION; AMENDMENT**

This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the CITY and CONSULTANT as to those matters contained in it. No prior oral or written understanding will be of any force or effect with respect to the terms of this Agreement. The Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by both parties.

**23. INTERPRETATION**

The terms of this Agreement should be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and should not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction that might otherwise apply.

**24. SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, that part will be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with any applicable laws, but the remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**25. TIME OF ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

**26. GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION**

This Agreement will be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of any litigation arising from the Agreement will be in Los Angeles County, California.

**27. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

CONSULTANT will be knowledgeable of and will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and city statutes, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders.

**28. WAIVER OF BREACH**

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a nondefaulting party on any default will impair the right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. A party's consent or approval of any act by the other party requiring the party's consent or approval will not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the other party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and will not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

**29. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

Except as set forth in Paragraph 15, in any dispute, litigation, arbitration, or other proceeding by which one party either seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party will be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, together with any costs and expenses, to resolve the dispute and to enforce any judgment.

**30. EXHIBITS**

All exhibits identified in this Agreement are incorporated into the Agreement by this reference.

**31. CONSULTANT'S AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE**

The person(s) executing this Agreement on behalf of the CONSULTANT warrant that (i) the CONSULTANT is duly organized and existing; (ii) they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the CONSULTANT; (iii) by so executing this Agreement, the CONSULTANT is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement; and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which the CONSULTANT is bound.

CITY OF TORRANCE,  
a Municipal Corporation

Insert name of business  
Insert type of entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Scotto, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insert Name and Title

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Herbers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN L. FELLOWS III  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:      Exhibit A:      RFP  
                         Exhibit B:      Proposal

Revised..:      10/29/2008

**EXHIBIT A**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**[To be attached]**

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PROPOSAL**  
**[To be attached]**